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Monday, 20 December 2010

Security Council

10 a.m.	6456th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) (S/2010/607)

Other matters

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6456th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

10 a.m.	69th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Information and communications technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/433) [17]

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/65/434) [18]

   (a) International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/434/Add.1)

   (b) International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/434/Add.2)

   (c) External debt sustainability and development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/434/Add.3)

3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference: report of the Second Committee (A/65/435) [19]

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3 p.m.	6457th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

   Twenty-sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2010/600)

Afternoon[1]	6458th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

   Letter dated 3 December 2010 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2010/616)

Afternoon[2]	6459th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2010/611)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6457th meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 6458th meeting.

4. Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436) [20]
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.1)
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee A/65/436/Add.2)
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.3)
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.4)
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.5)
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.6)
   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh special session: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.7)
   (h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.8)
   (i) Harmony with Nature: report of the Second Committee (A/65/436/Add.9)
5. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): report of the Second Committee (A/65/437) [21]
6. Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/65/438) [22]
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(b) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption: report of the Second Committee (A/65/438/Add.2)

(c) International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/65/438/Add.3)

7. Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/65/439) [23]

(a) Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/65/439/Add.1)

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/65/439/Add.2)

8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/65/440) [24]

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017): report of the Second Committee (A/65/440/Add.1)

(b) Industrial development cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/65/440/Add.2)

9. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/65/441) [25]

10. Agriculture development and food security: report of the Second Committee (A/65/442) [26]

11. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/65/443) [60]

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/65/444) [118]

13. Programme planning: report of the Second Committee (A/65/445) [130]

14. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS: draft resolution (A/65/L.49) [10]

15. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [42]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/65/618)

(b) Draft resolution (A/65/L.51)

Survey of Conference Services

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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

4.30 p.m.	39th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on all outstanding issues	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Briefing

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), H.E. Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan (Turkey), will give an informal briefing, to interested Member States, on the work of the Committee, on *Monday, 20 December 2010*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Briefing

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan (Turkey), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Mr. Mike Smith, will give an informal briefing, to interested Member States, on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED. Following the briefing, CTED will make two presentations: (a) on the issue of assisting Member States to implement the requirements of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) with respect to cash couriers; and (b) on the issue of assisting Member states to implement Security Council resolution 1624 (2005). The briefing will take place on *Monday, 20 December 2010*, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Monday, 20 December 2010

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 20 December 2010

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Ms. Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support]

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 21 December 2010

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

10 a.m. 70th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/65/448) [27]
2. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/65/449) [28]
3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/65/450) [61]
4. Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/65/451) [63]
5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/65/452) [64]
6. Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/65/453) [65]
7. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: report of the Third Committee (A/65/454) [66]
8. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/65/455) [67]
9. Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/65/456) [68]
   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/65/456/Add.1)
   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/65/456/Add.2 (Part II)); amendment (A/65/L.53)
   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/65/456/Add.3)
   (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/65/456/Add.4)
10. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/65/457) [105]
11. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/65/458) [106]
12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/65/459) [118]
13. Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/65/460) [130]

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Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Tuesday, 21 December 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

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Since the programme of work of plenary meetings (A/INF/65/3) was issued, the following changes have been made:

Consideration of agenda item 112 (b) (Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission), originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December 2010, has been postponed to a later date to be announced;

Consideration of agenda item 3 (b) (Report of the Credentials Committee), originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December 2010, has been postponed to a later date to be announced;

A specific meeting focused on development under agenda item 115 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), originally scheduled for Monday, 22 November 2010, has been postponed to a date in the resumed part, to be announced;

Consideration of agenda item 34 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development), originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December 2010, has been postponed to a later date to be announced;

Consideration of agenda item 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December 2010, has been postponed to a later date to be announced; and

Consideration of agenda item 121 (Multilingualism), originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December 2010, has been postponed to a later date to be announced.

The date for the consideration of the reports of the Fifth Committee will be announced in the *Journal*, as soon as it is decided.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Informal intersessional meeting

In accordance with the recommendation of the first Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be endorsed by the General Assembly on *Monday, 20 December 2010*, the first open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held on Monday, 10, and Tuesday, 11 January 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The objective of the meeting is to hold focused, substantive discussions to advance the subject matter of the Conference. A draft organization of work is available on the UNCSD Web site <www.uncsd2012.org>. The meeting is open to all participants of the Preparatory Committee.

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
First session

The first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be held from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 January 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.219/IPC/1/Rev.1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to forward the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Timur Alasaniya (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4422; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

A list of speakers for the general debate at the first session of the Preparatory Committee (10–14 January 2011) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1531; room IN-606B; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

All delegates are invited to consult relevant background information on the preparatory process at <https://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home>. For more information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, OHRLLS (e-mail musollino@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4844).

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Ninth session

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its ninth session from Monday, 24 January, to Friday, 4 February 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2011/1.

The session will include a high-level ministerial segment, which will be held on Wednesday, 2, and Thursday, 3 February 2011. There will be two parallel high-level round tables (1 and 2) in the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 February, and two parallel high-level round tables (3 and 4) in the morning of Thursday, 3 February 2011, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests for people;

Round table 2: Finance for forest-dependent communities;

Round table 3: Forests-plus: A cross-sectoral and cross-institutional approach; and

Round table 4: Forests and green economies.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, as soon as possible but *no later than Friday, 7 January 2011*, their preference for the participation of their head of delegation in *one* of the above-mentioned round tables by e-mail or fax to the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (e-mail niamke@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4244; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for making statements will be given to those heads of delegation that have inscribed before the deadline. Each round table accommodates forty statements. The time-limit for each statement is *three minutes* for individual Member States and *five minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. For further detailed information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room S-2950E), with copy to Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill (e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org; room DC1-1258).

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties

Thirteenth Meeting

The Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on Tuesday, 21 December 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB), for the purpose of electing nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on Monday, 28 February 2011. The documents for the meeting are CRC/SP/5* (rules of procedure), CRC/SP/41, CRC/SP/42, CRC/SP/42/Add.1 and CRC/SP/42/Add.2. Pursuant to article 43, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. In the recent past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting.

Representatives of States parties should submit their credentials to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York Office (DC1-504), prior to the Meeting. An officer will also be present in the conference room before the meeting to receive credentials. For more information, please visit following Web site: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/elections13th.htm>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union" (under agenda item 122 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Ghana (on behalf of the African Group))

Wednesday, 22 December 2010, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

Tuesday, 21 December 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 22 December 2010, at 12 noon in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 22 December 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing by the Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) of the Department of Political Affairs, on the work of the CTITF

Wednesday, 22 December 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all Member States. For further information, please contact Ms. Irma Lacey, CTITF (e-mail lacey@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2496).]

International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Forests (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 12, to Friday, 14 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is closed. Member States wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Sonia Smallacombe, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail smallacombe@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5066; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

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Responsibility of international organizations

Delegations are reminded that the deadline for the submission of comments of Governments on the draft articles on the responsibility of international organizations, as adopted by the International Law Commission, on first reading, at its sixty-first session in 2009 (General Assembly resolution 64/114 of 16 December 2009, operative para. 5 (A/RES/64/114)), is *Saturday, 1 January 2011*.

Delegations may send their comments to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (room M-13065; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). In addition, it would be appreciated if an electronic version of the comments could also be sent to ilcweb@un.org.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 17 December 2010

Security Council

6453rd meeting
(resumed)

Women and peace and security

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1820 (2008) and 1888 (2009) (S/2010/604)

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Council heard a statement by Mr. Peter Schwaiger, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Pedro Serrano (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Portugal, Switzerland, Slovenia, Colombia, India, Costa Rica, Kenya, Argentina, Chile, Spain and Georgia.

Ms. Margot Wallström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, responded to comments.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

6454th meeting *The situation in Liberia*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2010/643, submitted by the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2010/643) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2010/643) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1961 (2010).

6455th meeting *Peace consolidation in West Africa*

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa (S/2010/614)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Said Djinnit, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Djinnit.

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

26th meeting *Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011* . . . . . [129]

Programme budget implications:

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/65/L.50

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.5/65/13).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the oral report of that Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be coordinated by Mr. Muhammad Irfan Soomro (Pakistan).

Congratulatory remarks were made to the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions by the representatives of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), Portugal and the Russian Federation.

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Organizational session

1st meeting

The Secretary-General of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, opened the session and made a statement.

Election of the Chair [1]

H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinanen (Finland) was elected as Chair of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee, by acclamation.

The Chair made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda of the organizational session [2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.219/IPC/5.

The Committee approved the organization of work.

The Chair made a statement.

Election of officers [3]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, the following nine Vice-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Aman Hassen Bame (Ethiopia), H.E. Mr. Brian G. Bowler (Malawi), Mr. Abdulkalam Abdul Momen (Bangladesh), H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri (India), H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar (Slovenia), H.E. Mr. Federico Alberto Cuello Camilo (Dominican Republic), H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), H.E. Mr. Gary Francis Quinlan (Australia) and Ms. Lilla Makkay (Hungary).

The following countries were elected as *ex-officio* members of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee, by consensus: Benin, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Sudan and Turkey.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work for the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee [4]

The agenda for the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee was adopted, by consensus, as contained in document A/CONF.219/IPC/1/Rev.1.

The Chair made a statement.

Organizational preparations for the Conference [5]

The Secretary-General of the Fourth Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, briefed the Committee on progress in the organizational preparations for the Conference.

The Committee took a decision on the length of statements at the Conference.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Bangladesh, Turkey and the Dominican Republic.

Other matters [6]

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and their Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 29 October 2010)

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 32, the above Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 2 February 2011 until 1 February 2012.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (e-mail depositarytreaty@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org>.

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H.E. Mr. Milorad Šćepanović

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